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New Trials In Yugoslavia May Point Finger At CIA

Three men went on trial in Zagreb on 18 September, charged with working for an unspecified foreign intelligence service.

Bruno Basic, a former editor of the Croatian nationalist journal Hrvatski Tjednik is accused of being in the service of an intelligence organization as far back as 1969. Basic reportedly served his foreign masters by passing them information and by writing articles in Tjednik belittling Yugoslavia's post-war development. Although CIA is not mentioned by name, the implication is clear that Basic had ties to emigres in the US.

The other two defendants are historian Dr. Franjo Tudjman and old age pensioner Dragutin Scukanec. In neither of these two cases, however, have the accused been linked to the US. 25X1

